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TRADE CONTROLS BRANCH
MONTHLY REPORT FOR
FEBRUARY 1958

A. Accomplishments

1. The great preponderance of the efforts of both sections of the Branch during February was devoted to the preparation, in cooperation with specialists of D/I and D/M, of intelligence "Fact Sheets" for the economic defense community (EDAC). The information is primarily on the Sino-Soviet bloc position and prospects concerning individual "strategic" commodities.*/ Some 200 "Fact Sheets" are involved, of which 70 were completed this month. Considerable overtime is necessary to meet the short deadline on this project (48.1871). The task is complicated by the fact that since the completion of MP-186 last fall approximately 100 of the items have been redefined or modified; consequently additional research effort is required.

2. Chief, S/TD briefed Chairman, EDAC on possible diversion of US and UK military items; arranged for 20 analysts and specialists of ORR to attend Air Force Association Jet Age Conference 26-28 February.

3. The usual intelligence support was rendered to the Operating Committee of ACEP, the Working Group I of EDAC, and also to the Munitions Sub-Group of Working Group I of EDAC. A paper entitled "Principal Plants in the Donbass" was prepared for use of Operating Committee (at the request of the chairman of the Interagency Chemical Task Group). The following cases were serviced from an intelligence point of view:

Working Group I

Polish Exceptions Requests (8)
Redefinition Requests (4)
Exceptions other than to Poland (14)
Other (2)

Operating Committee of ACEP

Polish Exceptions (4)
Other (2)

*/ For use of US Del and Washington team in forthcoming COCOM negotiations on review of international lists.

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Munitions Subgroup of Working Group I

Proposed new Munitions List was coordinated with appropriate elements of ORR.

4. A draft paper on "Small Diversions of Strategic Metals - a Major Security Export Control Problem" was prepared at the request of EDAC - Diversion Control Panel and favorably discussed by the DCP Drafting Group.

5. Intelligence support was provided as necessary to EDAC WG II on 34 Administrative Action cases; 2,525 documents were scanned, of which 126 were selected for multiple carding.

6. A DCP memo (control No. 6161) was prepared on possible diversions of titanium metal to the Bloc; at the request [REDACTED] 25X1A8a support was provided in connection with their interest in the activities of the Tan Lark Sye group in the Far East; a memo was sent to Chief, [REDACTED], at his request regarding the 25X1A8a basis for the inclusion of a New York firm on Commerce's Special Check List; intelligence support was given on one Port Security case, and two case files were established in connection with the Port Security Program.

7. Interagency meetings attended: ACEP Operating Committee (2), EDAC WG I (5), EDAC WG II DCP (4) and AAP (2).

B. Planning

Completed preliminary S/TD FY-59 Program Planning.

C. Administration

1. The microfilming of the name cards in S/TD/T was completed during February; at the end of January 1958, 165,000 cards were in these files.

D. Problems

None

E. Recommendations

None

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